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PEA-NUT CLUB'S GRAND WORK

Many children have heard of the Pea-Nut Club, but how many know its background, or that in 28 years it has grown into a world-wide organisation, which has raised over £100,000 for Kent and Sussex hospitals?

About 30 years ago a young woman reporter in Tunbridge Wells, thought of a scheme to raise money for a new hospital at East Grinstead. She wrote a children's feature entitled *Pea-Nut Club*, signed it "Aunt Agatha," and promised a bag of pea-nuts to anyone subscribing 12 pennies dated 1931 to the hospital fund. She thought of it as little more than a joke, but the joke had astonishing results.

After one little girl, Dorothy Jolley, had exchanged her 12 coins for pea-nuts, so many children began subscribing that a real club was formed, Dorothy becoming the Pea-Nut Club's first real member. Grown-ups began taking an interest, and one afternoon two elderly Kent ladies left an envelope at the newspaper office for Aunt Agatha. It contained £500.

By 1932 the club had 1,000 members and when the Duchess of York, now the Queen Mother, laid the foundation stone of the new hospital, she accepted the club's first donation towards it. The Queen Victoria Hospital at East Grinstead has since received thousands of pounds from the club (in a great variety of currencies) including £24,000 of the £36,000 needed for its new children's plastic surgery wing opened in 1955.

World-wide fame

Club members are called "Pea-Nuts," and the world is literally strewn with them. They are in the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Europe, North Africa, the Far East, and Latin America. Ships' companies in the Royal Navy have joined the club, and so have R.A.F. units.

The Pea-Nut Club boasts many distinguished members. Sir Archibald McIndoe, the world-famous plastic surgeon who died recently, was patron and one of the staunchest supporters, and it was while under his treatment at East Grinstead that Douglas Montgomery, the film star, joined the club. Among other noted "Pea-Nuts" are Mr. Macmillan, Richard Dimpleby, and Group Captain Douglas Bader.

Had it never helped any cause but the children's wing at East Grinstead, Aunt Agatha's joke

would have been worthwhile. Wonderful is the good work done there for little children of all nationalities, and although the healing hands of Sir Archibald will never operate again, the wing's skilled staff will carry on for him. And the Pea-Nut Club, because it helps human organisations, carries on, too.

To do so it depends upon young and old all over the world to enrol. This can be done for the negligible cost of one shilling, enclosed with a threepenny stamped envelope for reply, and addressed to "Aunt Agatha," Pea-Nut Club, Courier Building, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. A loved pet may also be enrolled as an animal Pea-Nut.

Today Aunt Agatha, now Mrs. Gordon Clemetson, is a busy woman, editing a paper, working at the East Grinstead Hospital, doing a wife's job in her home, and fitting a little gardening, too, into her life. But she is never too busy to serve the Pea-Nut Club.

Everything is up-to-date on the Brambleton Model Railway

Brambleton Model Railway Club at Harpenden, Hertfordshire, uses real signal-box apparatus for its 00 gauge line. This club holds a signalling diploma course so that members can reach the necessary standard to operate the signals properly, the details being arranged

by an official at St. Pancras Station. The necessary apparatus is obtained by buying old stock cheap from stations in the Home Counties, and renovating it.

The model railway has 30 engines, 15 carriages, 100 goods trucks, and a "staff" of 90. The

track, in the corner of a field, has just undergone a big modernisation scheme at the hands of its 90 members, aged from 10 to 21. New embankments, a viaduct, a goods yard, and a passenger terminus have been built.

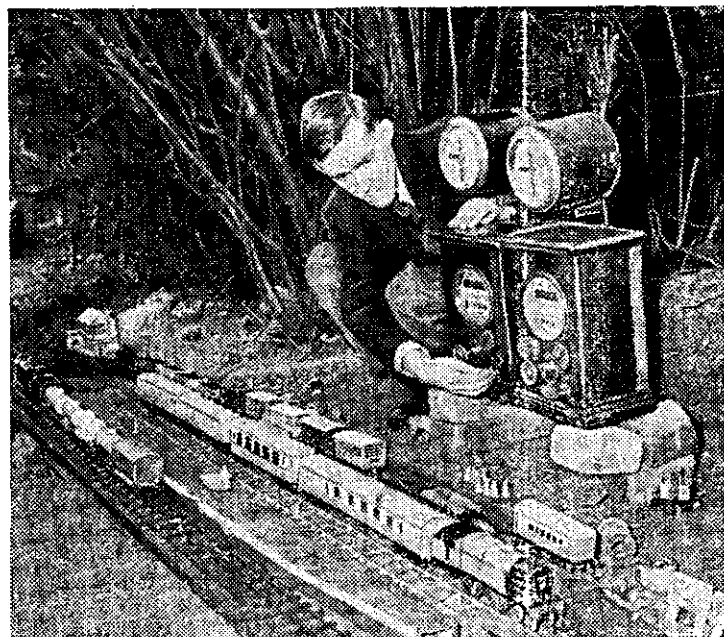
The two-line system has been extended to four lines, and the stations improved. Further track extensions, a branch line, and a tunnel are being built now.

The line is open in fine weather. Both passenger and freight trains are run to a strict timetable along the 250-yards journey, on which there are two stations. When it is wet, members meet to repair stock, which is painted in the club's blue and white livery.

The club secretary, 18-year-old Nigel Gray, who goes to St. Albans School, said: "Nearly all our engines are clock-work models, but three are steam powered. We hope to have several more steam engines eventually."

"At present we have to space the stations so that the clock-work engines will go from one to another without being re-wound."

Members of the club often go on outings to locomotive sheds to find useful ideas for their own railway.



HOME AGAIN, JUMPING FOR JOY



British Sea Cadets do a Maori dance of joy on arriving home from a visit to New Zealand. They were representing the United Kingdom at a Commonwealth rally and learned the dance there.

Saluting the YHA

Next week will be a very important one for the Y.H.A., which is now nearly 30 years old and as healthy and cheerful as its 200,000 members. Next week (14th-22nd May) will in fact be National Youth Hostels Week and on every day of it the enthusiastic supporters will be busy with a programme of talks, film shows, and coach trips arranged to tell the public about the fun and benefits they enjoy.

There are now nearly 300 Youth Hostels in England and Wales, some specially built, and others ranging from cottages to castles and converted water mills.

Hostelling, of course, is not confined to these islands. There are Youth Hostels in more than 30 lands, all offering a welcome to young people who know that quite the best way to go exploring in the countryside is on foot or by cycle.

Stonemason and Master of Arts

A man who started working when only nine will be made an honorary Master of Arts at Cambridge University on Saturday. He is Mr. William Topper, a 79-year-old stonemason who, with a borrowed gown, mortar-board, and hood, will enter the Senate House to receive his degree from the Vice-Chancellor of the University, with dons from all colleges present.

Since leaving school 70 years ago Mr. Topper has worked for more than 40 years on University buildings.

In conferring the degree of Master of Arts on William Topper, Cambridge University has recognised the skill of one who has served it well—as a master of his art.

CLIFF RESCUE FOR DOG

A dog which had fallen over a cliff near Lyme Regis was rescued by Station Officer R. Bastin of the Charmouth Fire Brigade.

It had landed on a ledge 525 feet above the sea, and Mr. Bastin was lowered over the cliff until he was able to put a rope round the animal so that it could be hauled safely to the top.

ALL EYES LOOKING TO THE SUMMIT

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

The attention of the whole world will be focused on the conference which opens in Paris on 16th May between the heads of the British, French, American, and Russian Governments. It will be the first four-Power "Summit" Conference since July 1955, and in those five years there has been a hopeful easing of tension between East and West. Moreover, there has come general recognition that weapons of mass destruction like the hydrogen bomb must be abolished.

THE "ascent to the Summit" was started by our own Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, about 15 months ago when he flew to Moscow to stop the Communists carrying out a threat to cut off Berlin from the West. Berlin had been the capital of the "old" Germany. But in 1945 Germany was split into two parts, an Eastern zone occupied by Russia and the Western part by Britain, France, and the United States. Berlin fell under four-Power occupation, with the Communists occupying the Eastern sector. But the city lies wholly within East Germany, and more than 100 miles from the West German frontier. This isolation has given the Communists plenty of chances to threaten to swallow the whole city. This isolation, indeed, has made Berlin a bone of contention that threatens world peace.

Little Summit

During his Moscow mission in February last year Mr. Macmillan persuaded Mr. Krushchev, the Russian Premier, to submit the problems of Germany and Berlin to a conference of the four Foreign Ministers. These Ministers met in Geneva last Summer. Although they failed to reach agreement, they did stop fresh trouble blowing up over Berlin.

This so-called "Little Summit" was followed by a series of visits between the heads of Governments. President Eisenhower (United States) came to Britain and Europe

last September, just before Mr. Krushchev paid his first visit to the United States. In December the American President toured Europe, the Middle East, and part of Asia, including India; and in February Mr. Krushchev visited Asia before calling on President de Gaulle.

Last month President de Gaulle in turn flew to London and then to Canada and the United States.

In June President Eisenhower is due to tour Russia. It remains for President de Gaulle to visit Russia and then, if all goes well, the cycle will start all over again, with Mr. Krushchev being invited to London, which he visited four years ago.

More meetings to come

Without doubt, this is the most remarkable series of top-level meetings the modern world has ever seen; and—again if all goes well—it will be followed by an even more remarkable succession of "Summits," with meetings of experts and officials, or even of Foreign Ministers, taking place in between.

The Paris conference, at which the leaders will be accompanied by their Foreign Ministers, is not expected to make much headway with the German and Berlin problems. But there will be a general talk on East-West relations which could lead, at least, to some agreement that the world's poorer countries should be helped with money and supplies without bind-

ing them to any particular political system; that is, leaving them free to decide their own way of life.

It is in the field of disarmament, however, that everyone hopes most progress can be made at the "Summit." For a start has already been made towards reducing or abolishing the fighting forces and weapons of the military Powers.

For nearly 19 months the experts of the original three nuclear nations—Britain, America, and Russia—have been in Geneva trying to work out how hydrogen bomb testing can be stopped in such a way that nobody can carry out a test undetected. This is a very complex subject, but it is thought that at the "Summit" the heads of the four Governments will be able to give their blessing to the draft of at least a limited treaty. (Since the Geneva talks began France has tested bombs and is therefore now directly interested in a test ban.)

Hopeful signs

Another encouraging sign is that last March the ten leading Western and Communist Powers—five a side—resumed at Geneva the long search for a formula by which all arms, nuclear and non-nuclear, can be progressively abolished under proper controls. So far there have been no results and the conference stands adjourned until after the "Summit"; but there is a prospect that the Paris talks will give the work at Geneva a fresh stimulus.

Some people oppose the idea of "Summit" talks. They argue that if such talks break down there is no appeal to any higher authority, as the 82-member United Nations as a body has, as yet, no real power. They would prefer to leave the task of negotiating to trained diplomats and Foreign Ministers.

The "Summit system" will certainly be on trial in Paris; and it will be something if the four statesmen agree to meet again before very long. Meanwhile, the world watches and hopes.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Six eggs have been laid by a moorhen in a police launch on the River Wensum, Norwich. The boat will not be used until they hatch.

A Soviet astronaut has forecast that rockets will one day carry passengers from Moscow to London in 15 minutes. Mr. Peter Masfield, president of the Royal Aeronautical Society, has said that in ten years' time flights between London and New York will take only three hours.

Fond embrace



Four chihuahua puppies make two delightful armfuls in this happy picture from North-West London.

POUNDS FOR PENCE

Five silver pennies minted in the reign of King Offa of Mercia (A.D. 757-796) have been sold in London for £1,630.

Nine R.A.F. bases in Britain used by the U.S. Air Force will be open to the public during the next three weekends. On 28th May Wethersfield, Essex, will hold an air display. Just before the show starts an aircraft will take photographs of the crowd, and later drop prints from the air.

THEY SAY . . .

THIS tight island with 50,000,000 people cannot do without the railways in some form or another. *The Minister of Transport*

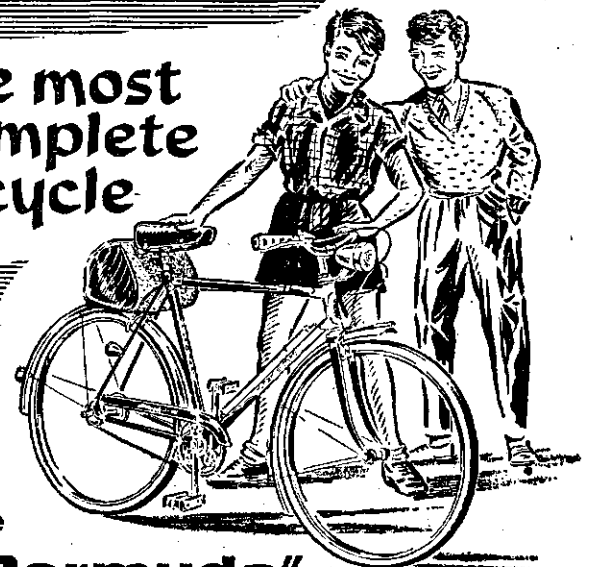
THE ideal home must meet the toddler's need for space, the schoolboy's need for somewhere warm to study, and the housewife's need of a convenient and cheerful workshop.

Dr. Irene Greene, a Norfolk medical officer of health

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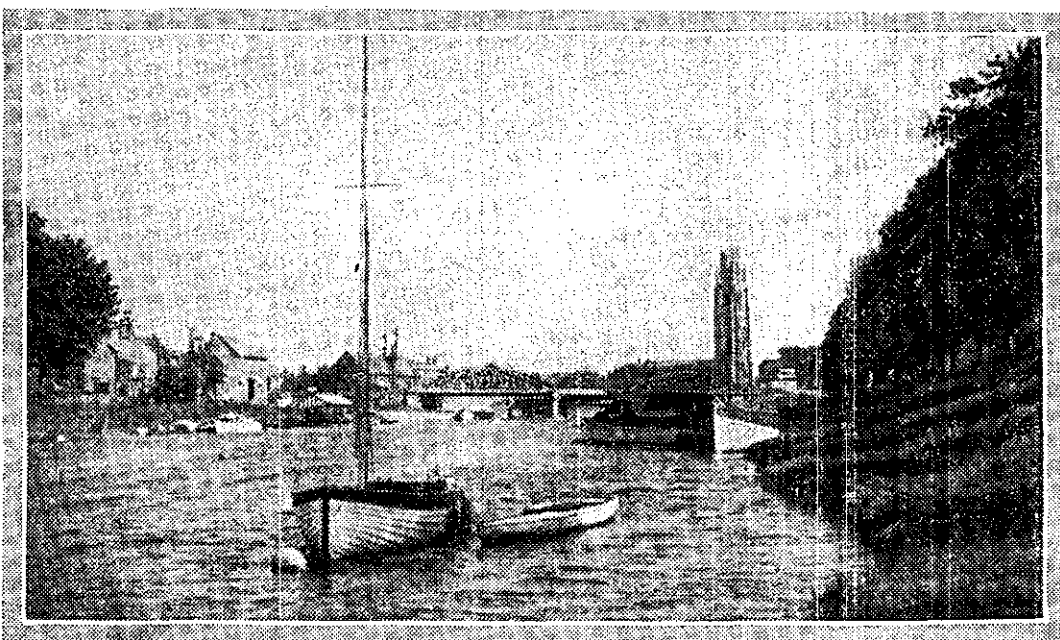
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RUSSIAN BOYS LEARN TO BE RAILWAYMEN

In one of the big public parks of Minsk, writes a C.N. correspondent, there is a miniature railway system, complete with locomotive, signals, rails, stations, points, and crossings. But its object is not to make money and give holiday-makers a ride, but to interest youngsters in joining the vast transport system of the U.S.S.R. when they grow up.

Boys who are doing well at school, and are interested in a railway career, are allowed to come to Minsk and try their hand at

learning to drive a locomotive, to work the signals, take and issue tickets, operate points, do shunting, and all the other work associated with a railway. Qualified instructors show them exactly what to do, and in between times they are given talks about the history of railways, the work of a great railway system, and its importance to the country.

Driving the engine is the most popular job, especially for any boy who, by the time the course is over, is allowed to drive solo.

REPAIRING THE RUINS OF WAR

Thirty young Germans recently went home after spending seven months at Narvik, Norway, where they had been helping to build a home for 1,000 children.

Their task was part of a widespread operation in which German youth gives time and labour to restoring wartime damage in other countries. The volunteers have been rebuilding churches, schools, hospitals, and community centres.

In Holland, for example, they planted 5,000 trees and built bungalows in coastal areas flooded by the Nazis. And not long ago a big party began helping to rebuild a dam in Greece which was destroyed in 1943 by German and Italian troops.

Discovery's wheel



Captain Scott's old ship, *Discovery*, usually based beside London's Victoria Embankment, is having a refit at Chatham. Here we see a workman giving some attention to the ship's wheel.

Paris Week in London

Londoners who want vivid impressions of Paris need go no farther than the Royal Exchange near the Bank of England. There they will find a fascinating display called *Paris Comes to London*, which consists of 18 puppet shows.

It begins with an impression of Paris by day—the hard-working capital of commerce and industry. Then the daylight fades and the scene changes to Paris by night—the brilliantly lit boulevards, the light-hearted crowds of strollers and the cafés. Each scene shows the aspect of Paris at a particular hour, with a running commentary.

This novel show is open until 20th May. Admission is free.

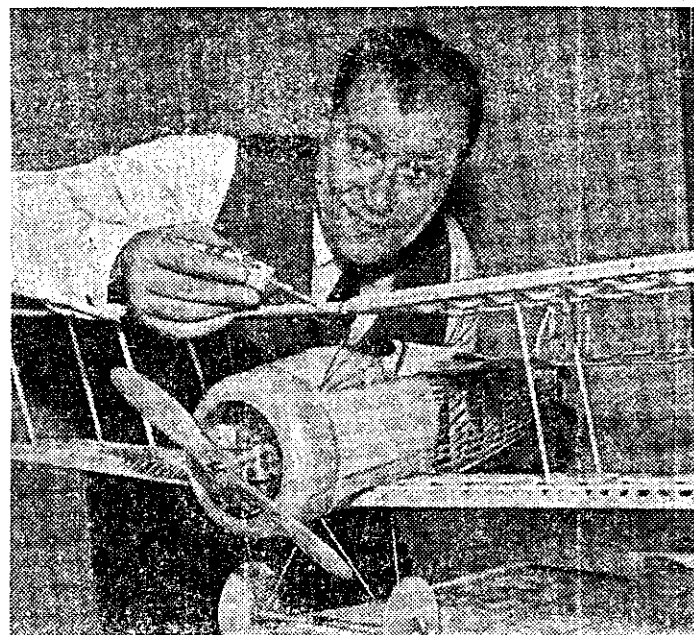
Inventions are his hobby

Asked to name his hobbies when joining the Royal Air Force 13 years ago, David Nesbitt wrote: Inventing.

It has proved no vain boast.

One of his inventions earned him an award of £15 from Bomber Command. In the New Year Honours of 1959 Sergeant Nesbitt received the B.E.M. for his work at R.A.F. Station, Wittering, Northamptonshire. And now the Air Ministry has announced that he has been awarded £775 for another invention. Of this award £25 was a personal gift from Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross.

Model-making at its best



Mr. John Simmance of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, is here building a replica of a Sopwith Snipe, famous R.A.F. fighter of the First World War.

HOMEWORK AT THE LIBRARY

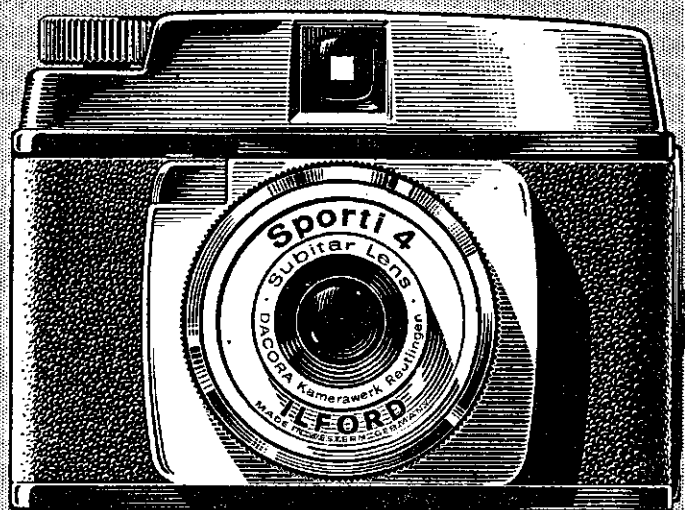
Folkestone is the latest town to take up the idea of a quiet homework room in a public library. Called a "homework den," the room has been installed in the new town's branch library, and 40 children at a time will be able to work there.

On its shelves will be about 800 reference books, and a qualified librarian will be on duty to advise on their use.

Underground wedding

An unusual wedding ceremony took place recently at Monfalcone, 20 miles from Trieste. It was conducted in a cave 130 feet underground, and the bride and bridegroom, both potholing enthusiasts, wore overalls and white helmets. Their 40 guests had to clamber down a rope ladder to attend the ceremony.

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Blackburn-born Barry Gray, the musical director, gets the effect in an ingenious way—from an ordinary well-tuned upright piano.

"First I play the tune and record it at half speed," said Barry. "Then I make a second recording, again at half speed."

"Finally I superimpose one recording on the other. The completed record, brought up to full speed, has a slight lack of

PRINCE PHILIP is using television in a big way on Saturday in a five-fold inaugural ceremony on behalf of the National Playing-Fields Association.

Most of the afternoon he will be in the B.B.C.'s *Grandstand* studio at Lime Grove watching the

Quick dash for Ronnie Raymond

A PART from Richard Hearne himself, see if you recognise a familiar face in B.B.C. Junior TV when *Leave It To Pastry* comes on the screen on Saturday.

He is Ronnie Raymond, taking the part of Buster, one of the village children who make friends with Mr. Pastry.

Ronnie (13), who trains at the Aida Foster stage school, has been seen many times helping Terry Hall to keep Lenny the Lion in order.

After the Pastry show, Ronnie has to dash down to the Victoria Palace, where he is appearing twice nightly in *Crown Jewels* with The Crazy Gang.



different playing-fields on a TV projection screen.

He will also be seen and heard at each location.

The fields are the King George V Stadium, Dundee; a children's playground in Waen Capel Park, Rhayader; the Witley Gardens Adventure Playground, Liverpool; a new athletics ground at Hayes, Middlesex; and a new ground for Leicester Cricket Club. Viewers will also see film of five other playing-fields opened the same day in Kent, Monmouthshire, Buckinghamshire, Wiltshire, and Hertfordshire.

Among the most thrilling events on TV will be Prince Philip's Invitation Relay Mile at Hayes.

The teams of four will each consist of a boy, a girl, a senior athlete, and an international. Likely internationals will be Brian Hewson and John Saintsbury.

At Leicester one of the wicket-keepers will be Brian Johnston, with a radio microphone to describe the game as he takes part.

Wilfred Pickles, headmaster

WILFRED PICKLES will be headmaster of a village school in a new B.B.C. television series beginning at 7.30 p.m. next Tuesday. He goes by the nickname "Yorke" in a number of stories about life's ups and downs among typical country people.

Yorke's wife Alice, played by Edna Morris, runs the general store and Post Office. Other leading characters are the village lads Chuck and Mick (Lawrence James and Danny Bettis) and a Miss Sedgbeer, played by Nan Brauton.

Most of the schoolchildren are "seen but not heard."

PEOPLE RECOGNISED THE DOG, BUT NOT ITS MASTER

STANLEY DANGERFIELD, who edits B.B.C. television's *Good Companions*, the animal series starting a new run this Wednesday, has been telling me how he and Peter West were "put in their place" while walking through London's Soho the other evening.

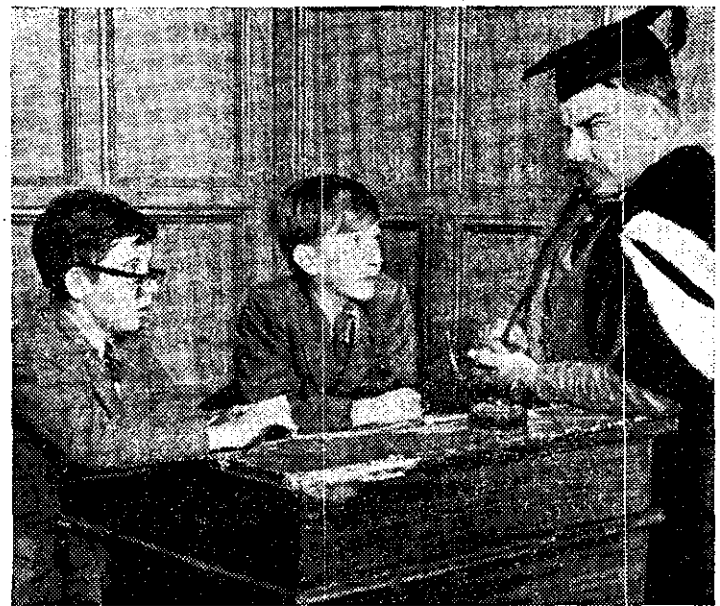
"We had with us Tazzie, my little Griffon who acts as programme mascot," he said. "Suddenly we heard a shout. It was one girl calling to another: 'Look, there's the little dog we see on TV!'"

"Not a word about Peter and me!" said Stanley. "We weren't nearly so important!"

Tazzie, back in the new series, won her place by right of conquest. She began simply as a stand-in during rehearsals to save tiring the other dogs taking part. But Tazzie had her own ideas; she took to wandering in and out of the programmes until she became first mascot and now, one might say, almost a star.

Good Companions will open

LOOK OUT, PROFESSOR, TAPLOW IS BACK



Lumley (John Stirling, left) Taplow (John Hall), and Professor Jimmy Edwards in a scene from a previous *Whack-O!* series

NEXT Friday—the 13th—could be an ominous date for re-starting *Whack-O!* in B.B.C. television. For Professor Jimmy Edwards will be having to deal again with Taplow, a figure from the Lower Third's shady past who disappeared and now makes a startling return. Taplow will again be played by John Hall.

As always, the Professor will be helped or hindered by his faithful henchman, Mr. Pettigrew, played by Arthur Howard.

Look out for some newcomers this time. There will be a Quiz Master, played by Jerry Desmonde, and three quiz hostesses—Veronica Gray, Sherry Brind, and Janette Rowsell.

Anxious hours in Fleet Street

NIGHT news editors are probably the most anxious men in Fleet Street. Their job is certainly one of the most exciting. During the daytime the news stories roll in and next day's paper begins to take shape in fairly routine fashion.

But at night there can be a "bombshell." A big fire, a train disaster, or a sudden threat of war,

and the whole front page may have to be changed round, literally at the eleventh hour or even later.

ATV are to seize on these dramatic possibilities with a new series, *Deadline Midnight*, which will take the place of *Probation Officer* next month. I hear that the setting will be a realistic reconstruction of a typical newspaper office.

American sport

PETER LLOYD, best known to young viewers in ATV's *Seeing Sport* on Mondays, will do a whole hour's commentary on American sport, from 1 to 2 p.m., on Sunday week (22nd May). ATV cameras will be going down to the U.S. base at Bushey Park to celebrate American Armed Forces Day.

Games to be televised will include bowling, volley ball, and kart racing. To help him with American sporting terms, Peter Lloyd will be accompanied by "Chuck" Roney of the U.S. Forces.

STEEPLEJACKS AT WORK

STEEPLEJACKS working 400 feet above street level are the "stars" of another *Living With Danger* film which is being repeated in B.B.C. Junior TV next Monday.

Making this picture gave the camera crews some of their most anxious moments. Often they had to go as high, and lean as far out, as the men they were photographing. But one lot of steeplejacks did defeat the B.B.C. unit. They had to be filmed from a plane.



Stanley Dangerfield and Tazzie

with a visit to the horses, cattle, sheep, and sheep-dogs on a Taunton farm. Later in the series there will be calls at a dog-training club and the Battersea Dogs' Home, which is just 100 years old.

Finally, in response to requests from many viewers, there will be a return visit to the Ferne Animal Sanctuary, which was last seen at Christmas two years ago.

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Birds and Butterflies in Merry May

In the month of May the Spring reaches its peak. All our resident birds are either rearing their first brood of young, or are starting on their second clutch. Our Summer visitors begin nesting, too, and by the end of the month many of them will have young in the nest. Song is vigorous on all sides.

A handful of Summer visitors put off their arrival till the first days of May. The swift may appear at the very end of April, but it is usually in the first week in May that I reckon to see those scimitar-shaped wings sweeping across the sky.

The swift is almost entirely a dark, sooty black, relieved by a pale patch under the chin, which can be seen only at very close quarters. It has much longer wings and a shorter tail than the swallow, and can readily be distinguished by its dark underparts. It is the swift which tears round the houses in small screaming parties on Summer evenings.

Another late arrival is the spotted flycatcher, a small brown

bird easily recognised by its habit of flying out from a perch to catch some winged insect and returning with its prey. The turtle dove, too, often does not utter its soothing *turr-turr* note until May is here.

Less common among the late arrivals are the nightjar, now a decreasing bird of heaths and commons; the hobby, a pretty little falcon resembling a miniature peregrine, and the marsh warbler, one of our rarest and most local breeding birds.

May is a good time for butterflies, too. At the beginning of the month the green-veined white, the speckled wood, and the orange-tip are already on the wing, and are soon joined by the wall brown, the small heath, and the small copper. The pearl-bordered fritillary, the earliest of that attractive group with silvery spots on the underwings, also appears by the middle of May in most years. The older entomologists, indeed, called it the April fritillary, because in the days before the calendar was



The hovering nightjar

reformed—in 1752—it might even appear in the last days of April.

By the end of May the common blue is usually on the wing, while the red admiral and the painted lady, which are migrants from the Mediterranean area, may appear at any time during the month.

At the beginning of May the furry drinker caterpillars, which began to emerge from hibernation in April, are getting quite large, though it will be June before they are fully grown and form a chrysalis, to emerge again as large brown moths in July. This is the caterpillar which often appears stretched out along a spike of grass in the Spring sunshine. It is very fond of drinking the dew, hence its curious name.

There are so many wild flowers in bloom in May that it is hard to pick on any for special mention. One of the favourites is the bluebell, a member of the lily family, which covers acres of ground in many woodlands, and also grows openly on the cliffs on our western seaboard. It is known as the wild hyacinth in Scotland, where the name "bluebell" is given to the flower that southerners call the harebell.

Other attractive wild flowers of the woodlands in May include the powder-blue bugle, the yellow archangel, and the red campion.

RICHARD FITTER



A hobby brings food to its young

Photographs by Eric Hosking

TAKE A TRAIN TO MOSCOW

It will soon be possible to travel direct to Moscow by train without having to make tiresome changes from one line to another. This new service begins on 29th May, and there will be four trains, in each direction, between the two capitals every week.

Passengers from London will leave Liverpool Street (on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays) on the 10.05 *Day Continental* to Harwich, there to join the boat for the Hook of Holland. At the Hook they will board Russian railway coaches, with sleeper accommodation, for the 1,600-mile journey across Europe.

The route will take travellers across Holland and into Germany to reach Berlin at about eight o'clock on the following morning. From there the train crosses the frontier and reaches Warsaw,

capital of Poland, about twelve hours later. The Russian frontier is reached during the night, and after stops at Brest and Minsk, the train arrives at Moscow just before nine o'clock on the evening of the third day.

The return fare, which at present is for first-class travel only, is £69 18s., including sleeping accommodation but with meals extra.

You can buy yourself a crown this year

A number of crown pieces are to be struck by the Royal Mint this year. They will be issued through the banks early in June, and will be on sale at the Royal Mint's stand at the British Exhibition in New York.

On three little wheels for a big cause

There are much more comfortable ways of getting from Hitchin to London, 35 miles, than on a child's tricycle. But this was the method chosen recently by six senior boys of St. Christopher's School, Letchworth, who wanted to help World Refugee Year.

Borrowing the tricycles from children anxious to help, and carrying collecting boxes and placards advertising World Refugee Year, the six gaily set forth. Two days later they reached London, saddlesore but happy. For they had attracted plenty of attention—and contributions—on the way.

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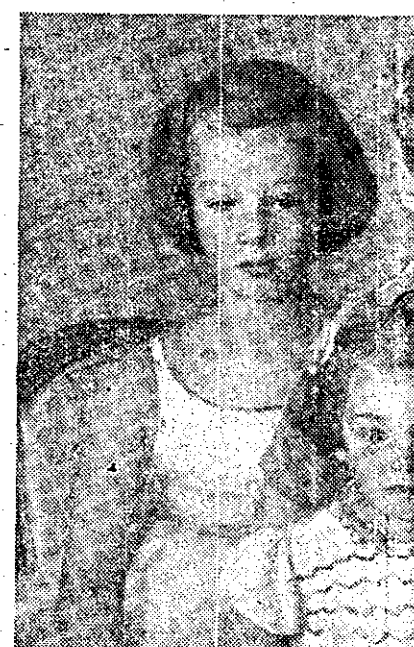
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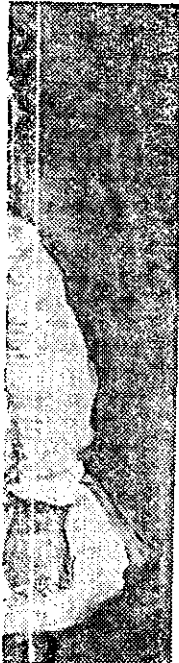
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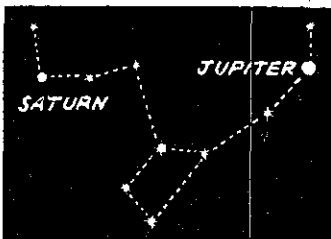
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Jupiter and Saturn now approaching

THE great planet Jupiter may now be seen soon after midnight low in the south-east sky. Being so bright, it will be easily identified.

Soon afterwards Saturn may be seen following close in the wake of Jupiter, a little way to the left, as indicated in the accompanying star-map. Saturn will appear next in brilliance after Jupiter.

Although both planets are not seen until about midnight and a bright Moon will be in the vicinity next week, these disadvantages will soon pass. The Moon will rise later and travel to



LOOKING AT THE SKY

the east, while the planets will rise about half an hour earlier each week. During the coming months they will be more and more in evidence in the late evening after sunset.

Both worlds are coming nearer to us. Jupiter is now about 418 million miles from us, and Saturn is 837 million miles away.

Being twice as far away as Jupiter, Saturn appears less bright and much smaller than Jupiter when viewed through an astronomical telescope. Jupiter appears somewhat oval in shape and about 2½ times the width of Saturn. Actually the Equatorial diameter of Jupiter is 88,700 miles, whereas that of Saturn is 75,000 miles.

Saturn, however, has an additional source of radiance in its Rings; these add considerably to

the planet's brilliance as seen with the naked eye when, as just now, much of the brilliant side of Rings I and II are presented toward the Earth. When this is not so, as will be the case in a few years time, the radiance of Saturn will appear considerably reduced.

It is very unusual to see these worlds, the two greatest of our Solar System, in such apparent proximity. For it takes Jupiter, nearly 12 years to travel round the Sun and return to approximately where we see it now; and it takes Saturn about 29½ years.

The last time Jupiter caught up with Saturn was in November 1940. They did not appear in the constellation of Sagittarius as now, but in Aries.

They gradually drew apart, Jupiter travelling at an average of about eight miles a second, and Saturn at about six miles a second. Next year Jupiter may be seen to pass Saturn again. G. F. M.

LIFEBOAT THAT WENT OVERLAND TO THE RESCUE

One of the strangest rescues in the annals of British lifeboats was partly carried out on land across snowbound Yorkshire hills. It happened many years ago, but it is retold once more in *The Story of the Life-boat 1960* (1s. 6d.), published for the R.N.L.I.

It happened in the Winter of 1881 after the Whitby brig, *Visitor*, had sunk in a gale in Robin Hood's Bay. The crew had taken to their boat but could not reach the shore, and no boat could put out to help them.

A telegram was sent to Whitby; but the lifeboat crew there, knowing they could not row all the way to Robin Hood's Bay through such

a rough sea, decided to haul their boat overland.

The news swept through the town and hundreds of people—men, women, and children alike—offered to help. They dragged the lifeboat through the narrow streets. Then farmers offered their horses, and soon a hundred animals were drawing the boat along roads deeply covered in frozen snow.

The strange procession met two travellers who said the boat could not get through; they themselves had been obliged to leave their horses and traps nearly buried in snowdrifts. Undeterred, the people obtained axes and spades and hacked a way through the frozen

drifts to the top of the hill overlooking Robin Hood's Bay.

They could see the *Visitor's* boat tossing helplessly in the Bay, but the road down to the water's edge was a sheet of ice on which the horses could not get foothold. So the people themselves carried the lifeboat down and launched her.

After a tremendous struggle against huge seas in which seven oars were smashed, the rescuers at last reached the distressed boat, and took the eight exhausted men on board. All were revived by doctors waiting on the shore.

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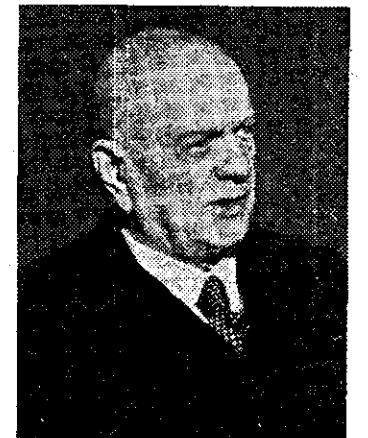
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THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings has been in and out of trouble throughout the term, in spite of resolving to turn over a new leaf. His good intentions, listed in his notebook, include a New Year's resolution to be kind and helpful to Mr. Wilkins.

19. The Old Folk's 'At Home'

It was not until he came across his little red notebook in the school lost property cupboard that Jennings even realised it had been missing. Vaguely aware that he had not seen the book recently he had assumed that it must be buried among his other possessions in the depths of his locker.

Obviously, this was not so. He must have left it lying about and someone had handed it in as lost property without bothering to trace the owner.

Still, it was nice to have it back, the boy thought as he went out on to the quad to line up for the Sunday afternoon walk.

"Walk with me, Jen?" Darbishire suggested, trotting up to join his friend.

As they set off, Jennings produced the little red notebook from his raincoat pocket. "It seems ages ago since I wrote all these good resolutions and things. I've forgotten what half of them were now."

Darbishire was shocked. "You mean you haven't been keeping them?"

"Well, I've been doing my best, of course, only it wasn't so easy without the book to remind me."

"Now you've got it back you'd better make up for lost time," Darbishire said reprovingly. Taking the book from Jennings, he glanced through the list of Good Works and read: "I will be kind and helpful to Old People."

Darbishire hooted with derisive laughter. "A fat lot of being kind and helpful you've done lately. And what makes it ten times worse is that you've got a special note down here saying: Try and think of something like, say, a treat, or something, that Sir etc. would like. What have you got to say about that?"

For a hundred yards they walked in silence. Then Jennings said: "How would it be if we organised a little party or something and invited Old Wilkie and Mr. Carter to come along?"

"Coo, yes, that'd be super," Darbishire agreed. "And we could give them refreshments, couldn't we?"

"Of course! We'd do the job properly, and we'd send them written invitations and do things like, say, for instance, drinking a toast to our distinguished guests."

For the next half-mile they discussed the important matters of time and place, finally agreeing that the party should be held in the tuck-box room after prep. on the following Wednesday.

As they turned to make their way back to school, Jennings voiced a doubt that had been growing in his mind. "I'm not sure that we ought to call it a party," he said. "After all, there won't be any musical chairs and paper streamers and things. Just toasts and refreshments, I thought."

"They won't mind that," said Darbishire.

"No, but we ought to call it something less noisy," Jennings maintained. "Something like—er—let's think, now."

"How about an 'At Home'?" suggested Darbishire.

of those, then," Jennings agreed. "And seeing that it's all in aid of my good resolutions about being decent to elderly people, we could call it the Old Folk's 'At Home,' couldn't we?"

After that they went on to discuss the important matter of refreshments, and it was here that they found themselves beset with difficulties. What, for example, should one offer to one's guests on an occasion of this kind? According to Darbishire's mother's library books the correct fare consisted of cakes, tea, and dainty sandwiches.

Unfortunately, Darbishire's birthday cake was now no more than a happy memory and all he had to offer was a slab of plain chocolate. He had, however, received a postal order for five shillings from his godmother and was prepared to contribute one-and-sixpence of this towards another cake.

Catering Specialists

They were still discussing tea and dainty sandwiches when they went up to bed that night. Brewing tea was out of the question as they had no means of boiling water. Instead, they decided to serve hot chocolate—well, not exactly hot, but certainly tepid. This they would make by dissolving Darbishire's slab of chocolate in their mid-morning milk after leaving it to warm up for some hours on the hot water pipes in the changing room. In theory this should make a tasty beverage and be just the thing for drinking the health of their guests.

Bread, butter, and sandwich-filling was the next problem to be discussed. The easiest way to obtain these would be by forgoing part of their own rations during school tea and smuggling the provender out of the dining hall at the end of the meal. But, could two boys, by themselves, cope with the quantity required without raising suspicions?

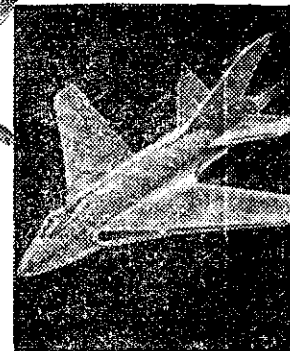
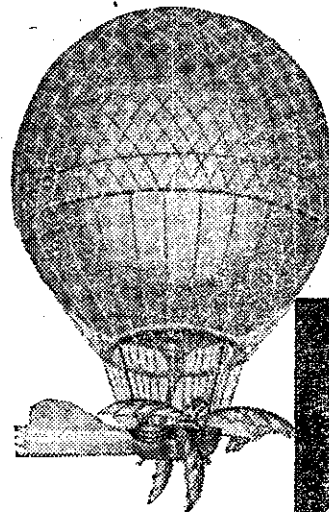
"Good old Sir"

At this point in the discussion Mr. Wilkins came in to call silence and put out the dormitory light. Jennings and Darbishire exchanged glances and smiled. Good old Sir! He little knew what preparations were being made in his honour!

By break time the next morning Jennings had reached a decision. "I'll tell you what we'll do, Darbi," he said to his friend as they went out on to the quad together. "We must rake in one or two chaps to help us smuggle out the provender. We'd never be able to manage it all by ourselves."

"Well, not too many chaps, then," Darbishire demurred. The prospect of half the school squeezing into the tuck-box room and

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Now that many of the French colonies are gaining their independence, their stamps are reflecting these changes. Some of the new issues portray the Presidents or other officials of the various new republics. A 25 - franc stamp from Gabon, for instance, shows M. Leon M'ba, the Prime Minister, who is a friend of France.

Another West African State, Dahomey, which lies between Ghana and Nigeria, became a French colony in 1894 and had its first stamps five years later.

An interesting series issued in 1941 included several values with an African along one of the country's many rivers. After this series appeared, Dahomey became part of the larger colony of French West Africa

and ceased to have its own stamps. Now, although remaining a member of the French Community, Dahomey has become an independent republic and once more is to issue stamps of its own.

The first value to appear is a large pictorial showing a village.



The houses are built on wooden stilts standing in a lake and the only traffic in the "streets" consists of canoes!

IN 1536, long before Frenchmen began to explore Africa and to found colonies there, a Breton sailor named Jacques Cartier sailed into the estuary of the St. Lawrence River and claimed Canada for the King of France. Early in the following century another Frenchman, Samuel de Champlain, established a permanent colony in the St. Lawrence valley, naming it Quebec.

Later still other Frenchmen founded the city of Montreal and in 1660 Dollard des Ormeaux set out from there with an expedition to explore the Ottawa River.

At the foot of the Long Sault, not far from the present town of Carillon, in the Province of Quebec, the expedition was attacked by a large force of Indians.

After a struggle lasting an entire week, Dollard des Ormeaux and his companions were finally defeated, but their heroic resistance enabled the other French colonists to strengthen their defences. It also made plain to the Red Indians that Frenchmen were determined to play a leading part in opening up the vast new lands of Canada.

Next week, to mark the tercentenary of the battle of the Long



Sault, a fine stamp is to be issued by the Canadian Post Office. Printed in blue and brown, it shows a portrait of Dollard des Ormeaux with a battle scene in the background.

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An Elizabethan threepenny-piece minted in 1561 has been found by 13-year-old Paul Bryant, of Moortown, Leeds. It came to light when he pulled up a clothes' post in his back garden.

The coin is three-quarters-of-an-inch in diameter and has been identified by Leeds City Museum. It is worth about five shillings.

THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

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crowding out the guests did not appeal to him. It would destroy the homely atmosphere of the "At Home."

"No, only two or three." Jennings' glance swept round the quad and lighted upon Venables and Temple.

"Hey, you two, would you like to join in with Darbi and me and help us with our old folk's 'At Home'?" he demanded, as they approached the prospective helpers.

"How do you mean? Do you want us to make up a quartet?" Venables asked. Unmusically he warbled:

Way down upon the Swanee river,
Far, far away . . .

"No, you clodpoll. It's nothing to do with the song," Jennings explained. "Our 'At Home's' going to be 'way down' in the tuck-box room. We're laying on a sort of quiet party without balloons for fairly old people like Mr. Carter and Old Wilkie."

"Sounds crazy to me," Temple objected. "Fancy giving a party for masters. I mean to say!"

Jennings flashed a smile. "There'll be refreshments, you know."

"Eh! Oh, that's different, then! don't mind helping if there's going to be something to eat," Temple conceded. "Who's providing the refreshments?"

"You are," Jennings replied. "Well, some of them, anyway."

"Well, I like the cheek of that! You ask us to a party and . . ."

"All right, wait a minute and I'll explain," said Jennings. "I'm going to buy a cake out of party funds—well, it's Darbi's money, actually, but he doesn't mind—and if we all save something at tea time tomorrow and fox it out in our pockets, we shall be able to rig up a really decent menu."

The Menu

After some discussion, the menu decided upon was egg sandwiches, cake, and hot chocolate. They knew that there would be eggs for tea on the following day, and from past experience of school cooking they also knew that these would be hard-boiled. They decided that each boy should be responsible for smuggling out a separate item of fare. Eggs were to be passed under the table to Venables, who would conceal them in his blazer pocket.

Darbishire was to collect each boy's butter ration and secure it in a paper bag. Slices of bread, accidentally knocked off the bread plate and handed to Jennings, would be deposited under his pull-over. Temple's task was the easiest of all: he had merely to pour a generous mixture of pepper and salt into his handkerchief when no one was looking, and the flavour of the egg sandwiches would be assured.

"That's how we'll do it, then," Jennings said as the bell rang for the end of break. "The only thing we've still got to decide is what sort of cake we're going to have. I reckon a sponge would be best. After all, you can't go wrong with a nice sponge."

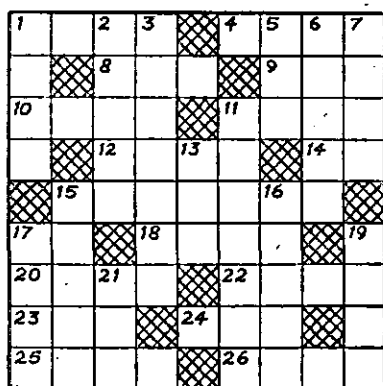
The four boys turned and made their way indoors.

"We ought to write everything down so we shan't forget who's going to do what," Venables suggested as they climbed the stairs. "I'll make out the list, if you like."

Jennings was all in favour of this business-like precaution. In an important matter like this, it was vital to have everything clearly written down in black and white.

To be continued

PUZZLE PARADE



Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Keep out of sight. 4 Favourites. 8 Conjunction. 9 Female sheep. 10 Tear. 11 Slender. 12 Snare. 14 Northern Ireland. 15 Any distinctive part of the face. 17 Senior. 18 Roman emperor. 20 Sour. 22 Rotate. 23 Unit of electric current. 24 Affirmative. 25 Precious stones. 26 Low in pitch.

READING DOWN. 1 Animal like a rabbit. 2 Famous Italian poet. 3 Competitor. 5 Snake-like fish. 6 String. 7 Half. 11 Shot out with force. 13 Consumed. 15 Most pictures have one. 16 Wake up. 17 Male deer. 19 Break. 21 Revolutions per minute.

Answer next week

Word changing

CAN you change the word MULE into CART in five stages, altering only one letter at a time?

ON A PIECE OF STRING

HERE is a trick which you can try on a friend.

Get a piece of string about a yard long and tie a knot in the middle. Then tie one end of the string round your friend's wrist and the other to his shoelace. He then has to untie the knot without undoing either end of the string. Your friend may get into all sorts of attitudes before having to give up. Show him that the way to do the trick is simply to remove the shoe. By taking it off and loosening the knot in the middle the shoe can be slipped through.

Add two letters

THE words and phrases below are each part of the jumbled names of famous people. To complete each name, two letters must be added and all re-arranged. If you do this correctly, the first line will give the names of three poets, while the second will give those of three composers.

Old rice. Sen. No grin.
Teas. Laird. Loan.

Just another bill

DEAR me, the toucan murmured, What a great big bill I've got; And bills, I've heard, must all be paid. Mine never will be, I'm afraid, The money I possess is nil; Perhaps mine's not that kind of bill.

PLACES FOR GAMES

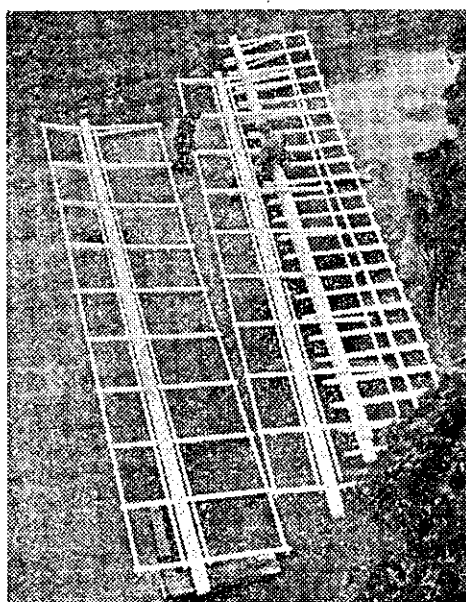
Can you re-arrange the letters in each line below to make the name of a place where you could play or watch a sport or a game?

SLING folk
Bolt foul dragon
Trust in cone
Bring gown lee
Fire angler.

TWO FROM ONE

CAN you re-arrange the eight letters in the name of a tree-climbing bird to form two words, the first meaning to search, and the other to talk?

NEW SAILS FOR A WINDMILL



West Kingsdown windmill, well-known landmark on the London-Folkestone road, near Dartford, is getting a new set of sails. They are 30 feet long. The mill is to be maintained by the Dartford Rural District Council.

Mixed up at the table



AROUND the food table are the jumbled names of seven birds. Can you sort them out?

Bunch of Bans

The answer to each clue contains the word BAN.

To leave or desert
Shakespearean character
Fruit which comes in hands
First British martyr
Old Spanish dance
Type of cedar tree.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Add two letters. C and E to make Coleridge; O and Y—Noyes; W and B—Browning. C and O—Coates; E and N—Ireland; W and T—Walton. Places for games. Golf links; football ground; tennis court; bowling green; rifle range. Two from one. Nuthatch—hunt; chat. Word changing. Mule, male, mare, care, cart. Mixed up at the table. 1 Robin; 2 Tit; 3 Wren; 4 Pigeon; 5 Thrush; 6 Blackbird; 7 Sparrow. Bunch of Bans. A-ban-don; Cali-ban; ban-ana; St. Al-ban; sara-ban-d; le-ban-on.

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How Mrs Cuckoo solved her problems

IT was the sight of the pipits and finches, blackbirds and hedgesparrows all busily nesting around her on the common which started Mrs. Cuckoo thinking about her special problems, for she had no idea how to build a nest. "So first I must find some foster parents," she said.

Watching from the treetops for a pair of likely birds she suddenly remembered being fostered by hedgesparrows herself. "Hedgesparrows it is, then," she decided. "Next, I must find a nest containing eggs, but where the hen bird is not yet sitting. Otherwise my egg won't be ready to hatch with theirs."

After much tiring watching and searching she found a hedgesparrow's nest containing three blue eggs. But when she flew down to ask the birds for help, they fluttered in her face shrieking: "Go away! You horrid hawk!"

Indeed, with her wide grey wings

and barred breast, she was rather like a sparrowhawk.

"I must visit the nest when they are away, that's all," she said determinedly. Which she did. And after some scuffling, solved the problem of laying her egg inside it.

"I must take an egg away, though, so that she will have the right number to brood," she said, and flew off with a blue egg in her beak.

She watched patiently then, till she saw that Mrs. Hedgesparrow had not noticed that one egg in her nest was a little different in colour and size.

More careful and weary watching enabled her to lay four more eggs in foster nests during the next few days.

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Another Cup Final at Wembley

RUGBY LEAGUE'S BIG DAY

THOUSANDS of North country fans will travel to London on Saturday for the Rugby League Cup Final at Wembley between Hull and Wakefield Trinity.

The match will be in the nature of a decider between these two Yorkshire clubs, for both have beaten each other once in the Final. Their first meeting was in 1909, when Wakefield won, and five years later Hull recorded their only win in their seven Challenge Cup Final appearances.

It should not take long for the Hull players to overcome their "Wembley nerves," for most of them were in the team which lost to Wigan in the Final last year.

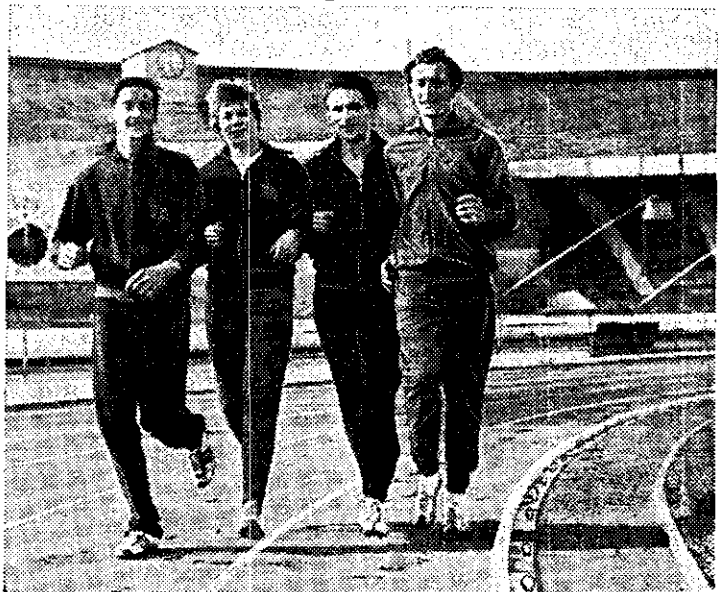
Hull have a powerful forward

trio in the twin brothers Jim and Bill Drake, and Johnny Whiteley. But the star of Saturday's game may be Neil Fox of Wakefield, one of the most brilliant young all-rounders in Rugby League.

A speedy centre three-quarter and dynamic try-scorer, he is also one of the most deadly goal-kickers. Last season he scored 380 points but this season he has easily passed that total in games for his club, county, and country.

The Queen and Prince Philip, who usually visit the F.A. Cup Final, have decided that this year they will watch the Rugby League Final instead. It will be the Queen's first visit, although Prince Philip attended in 1955.

Champions try the new track



The running track at the White City has been relaid and movable kerbs put at one end so that the circuit can be quickly changed to either 400 metres or 440 yards. Here we see (left to right) Gordon Pirie, Mary Bignall, Peter Radford, and Brian Hewson trying the new surface.

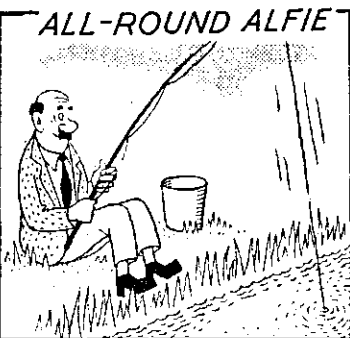
JOHN MERRIMAN IN THE MARATHON

WELSH international John Merriman, Britain's second-best runner over six miles and 10,000 metres last year, is worried that he will not qualify for the British 10,000 metres team for the Rome Olympic Games later this year. So do not be surprised if you see him running in the 26 miles 385 yards Polytechnic marathon next month.

He has already shown that he is suited to the distance. In the Finchley 20 miles road race recently he won in the new record time of 1 hr. 42 mins. 30 secs, beating Britain's previous best runner at this distance, Irishman Dennis O'Gorman, by 65 secs.

But Merriman will find the competition hot even over the marathon distance because two Englishmen, Arthur Keily (2 hrs.

19 mins. 23 secs.) and Peter Wilkinson (2 hrs. 19 mins. 54 secs.), of Derby and County A.C., have already returned the two fastest marathon times in the world this year. And Britain's leading marathon runner last year, Fred Norris, has yet to show his paces!



SCRAPBOOK

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PUT TWO LETTERS IN FRONT OF THIS PLEASANT WORD AND ANOTHER THREE AT THE END — AND MAKE THE NAME OF A CITY FAMOUS IN CRICKET, SOCCER, AND RUGBY. (Answer below).

WELL-REMEMBERED IN ENGLAND IS **SID O'LENN**, WHO WAS A CHARLTON FOOTBALLER FOR TEN YEARS AND BROUGHT FELLOW-SOUTH AFRICAN STUART LEARY TO THE LONDON CLUB.

...NOW SID IS BACK AS A SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKETER, AND MANY OLD FRIENDS ARE GLAD TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

AT BERLIN IN 1936 **JESSE OWENS** MADE A RECORD OLYMPIC LONG JUMP OF 26 FT. 5 3/4 IN. EVERY INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC RECORD STANDING IN 1936 HAS SINCE BEEN SURPASSED — WITH ONE EXCEPTION — JESSE'S JUMP IS STILL UNBEATEN.

Their own Flying Bedstead

Two boys at Welwyn Garden City High School have made a "Flying Bedstead." It is not a vertical take-off plane, however; it is a Kart, and has been called "Flying Bedstead" for the good reason that its framework is an old bedstead.

The boys, Peter Kerrison and Brian Greener, have made the Kart for about one pound. An old motor-cycle engine provides the power for the vehicle, and the bucket seat came from a dumped car.

Their main difficulty was in finding suitable wheels. After writing about 50 letters asking for information as to where wheels could be found, a local firm gave them a set from an old trolley.

Once they have perfected the steering mechanism, the boys will be all ready to enter the races organised by the local Kart club.

BEST JUMP THIS YEAR

IRIS PEGLEY, wife of South London Harrier John Pegley, was seventh best woman high-jumper in Great Britain last year. Now she has literally leapt to the top with a jump of 5 ft. 6 1/2 ins. in an inter-club match at Tooting Bec.

This takes her within half an inch of Sheila Lerwell's British and former world record, and three-quarters of an inch above Mary Bignall's best leap of last year.

The Pegleys are following well in the footsteps of those other athletics married couples—the Piries, Gordon and Shirley, the Perkins, Alan and Phyllis, and the Ibbotsons, Derek and Madeleine.

World's finest drivers at Silverstone

THE International Trophy Race at Silverstone on Saturday, the twelfth in the series, should be another day of motor racing thrills and records. Many of the world's greatest drivers will be taking part in this 150-mile event for Grand Prix cars.

One of the drivers likely to attract most interest is Innes Ireland, a 29-year-old Scot who leapt into the limelight a few weeks ago when he scored a double victory over Stirling Moss. Innes Ireland has been racing for only four years, but at the wheel of the new rear-engined Lotus Climax he could well be in the running for the World Championship.

Other stars of tomorrow may emerge from the 75-mile race for the new Formula Junior cars, which will be seen for the first

time at Silverstone. No top-grade drivers may compete.

"Juniors" are single-seat racing cars built up from components of normal touring cars of which at least 1,000 must have been produced. Although powered by engines fitted to such cars as Austin A.40, Morris Minor, and Ford Anglia, these tiny cars are expected to reach speeds of up to 100 m.p.h.

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SPORTS QUIZ

- Who is the cyclist known as the Eagle of Toledo?
- Who is the youngest swimmer or diver chosen to represent Britain?
- Which soccer team is nicknamed The Bluebirds?
- What is Billy Williams's Cabbage Patch better known as?
- Who is the only player twice elected Footballer of the Year?
- Can you name the captain of the Springbok cricketers?

1. Federico Bahamontes of Spain; so-called because of his feats in mountain riding. 2. Margaret Austen, who is 13. 3. Cardiff City. 4. The Rugby Union. 5. Tom Finney. 6. Jackie Meggin.

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